

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT

From Dr. Wiley

Dr. Wiley, chemist, at the head of the pure food department of the government, is a little harder on the whiskey question than anyone of whom we have recently heard—not on the traffic, but on the stuff itself. If he is correct, the whiskey makers, who know the secrets of the trade, are murderers wholesale. He admits that there is some pure whiskey sold, but the amount is insignificant compared to the millions of gallons that are poison. Dr. Wiley is reported as saying: "Although I never drank whiskey, I know for a fact that very little real whiskey is sold. Lots of men line up in front of a bar and spend valuable drinking time in arguing about the different brands of poison that the man in white puts upon the bar. It is generally a waste of time, for I would say, unofficially, that about 98 per cent. of the stuff is not whiskey. That is why I am glad to have whipped the whiskey people out in Cincinnati. Lots of liquid that has no claim to the name, whiskey, has been sold." The majority of persons know little or nothing about chemistry, and if they did, have not at hand facilities for analysis. As for those who drink, it may be said they care nothing about the quality—the hotter the stuff the better it pleases. The fact that it kills does not bother them. This leads us to say again: If the lives of the people are worth saving, while the board of health is punishing poor milkmen who add water to their milk, they would do well to look after lordly saloon keepers who daily pour down their customers' throats stuff 98 per cent. of which is adulterated. That would ruin the pet business, for if confined strictly to pure liquor, 50 per cent. of the sellers would be compelled to quit. They would not be able to buy pure whiskey.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Booker T. Washington says prohibition is the greatest boon to the black man since the emancipation proclamation.

No Place For It

Civilization has found out the saloon. After several centuries of experience with it, it has written its epitaph. One of our great railroad lines in America has recently made a sweeping order that any employee of the road who cashes his pay check in a saloon will lose his job. Twenty years ago one of the great railroads in this country paid so little attention to the habits of its employees that from the writer's own knowledge a train crew of twelve men lay drunk around a freight station sobering up from a day's debauch, and the freight train which they were to man waited more than half a day before it pulled out. Such a situation at present would be impossible on any railroad in America. One of the finest things about the agitation arising up all over the world against the liquor business is the hand which business has begun to take in it. After a while no business worthy of the name will employ a man who drinks at all. Some of our railroads have already refused to employ men who use cigarettes, either in the offices or about the trains.—House Herald.

Wise Denmark Doctors

Here is a copy of a poster drawn up by a number of Danish physicians and put up in all railway stations throughout the country: To the Danish People: Alcohol is a stupefying poison. Alcohol is the cause of many mental diseases and of most of the crimes. Every seventh man in Denmark dies of drink. In the struggle for temperance, abstinence is the safest weapon. Abstinence never injures a man. Sure is the hand and clear is the thought of him who never drinks spirits. If you wish to make your people happy, increase their prosperity, build up their homes, advance the interests of your country, and make the race sound in body and in mind, become a total abstainer.

It is only very rarely that I employ alcohol for medicinal purposes. I have long had the opinion that the men who make large use of alcohol in their practice, are too often the subjects of its personal use, a fact which renders their own opinions worthless.—Edward J. Brown, M. D., Minneapolis, Minn.

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OCALA WON AND LOST

The Result of Yesterday's Double Header Was Two Pretty Games

The locals won the first game and lost the second. After the disappointment of Thursday afternoon, on account of the usual rain, the Ocala boys arranged to play two games on Friday afternoon.

The first game was called at 2:40, with only a small crowd in attendance, but before the game was over a large crowd made its appearance.

Brown was in the box for the locals in the first game, and seemed to have the opposing batsmen at his mercy at all times. The score shows that two hits were made off his delivery, but these were only scratch hits. However, they were hits or errors, and there was no one to whom the errors should be given. "Happy Man" Dillon also pitched well, but the locals found him for seven safeties.

Neither team scored until the fourth inning, when Waller made the only run of the game. After Donaldson was retired on a fly to left field, Waller took first via the "big four" route, and went to second on Harris' single. Waller and Harris then stole third and second. Dillon made a balk and the runners advanced a base each, Waller tallying.

Both teams had chances to score later, but no runs were forthcoming. Palatka had two on bases in the second, sixth and eighth innings, with only one out, but the necessary hits could not be made. In the sixth inning Ocala had the bases full, with none out, but the side was retired without further runs.

After an intermission of ten minutes, the second game was begun. In this game the absolute need of the fielders playing deep against a heavy hitting team was very apparent. Hits driven over left field and center field were good for two bases each. Had not these fielders been playing close in, these two hits by Smith would have been easy outs. Two runs were scored by Palatka on Smith's second two-bagger. The same was true in the Gainesville game in Ocala. The balls went over Ocala's fielders because they played in too close.

No runs were counted until the fourth inning, when Palatka scored twice. Calhoun was safe at first on Bennett's error. Collins fanned. Dillon hit over third base safely. Then came Smith with his second two-bagger, scoring Calhoun and Dillon.

Ocala tallied in the sixth inning. Waller hit to left field for two bases. Harris sacrificed him to third, from which base he scored on Calhoun's error in handling Bennett's hit to short.

Ocala won the first game, one to nothing, and Palatka took the second game, two to one. It is a pleasure to say that the Palatka boys are not kickers, at least not in Ocala, and that they conduct themselves in a quiet, gentlemanly manner, both on and off the baseball field.

The score—first game:
Palatka AB R H PO A E
Bridges, 2b... 3 0 1 3 5 0
Selph, 3b... 4 0 0 3 1 1
Calhoun, ss... 4 0 0 0 3 0
Collins, 1b... 4 0 0 10 2 1
Smith, c... 4 0 0 5 1 0
Dillon, p... 4 0 0 2 7 0
White, lf... 3 0 0 1 0 0
Thomas, cf... 2 0 1 0 0 0
Mansell, rf... 2 0 0 0 0 0
Totals... 30 0 2 24 13 2

Ocala AB R H PO A E
Dodge, D, 3b... 3 0 1 4 0 2
Dodge, W, ss... 4 0 1 1 2 1
Donaldson, 2b... 3 0 0 1 2 1
Waller, 1b... 3 1 2 9 1 0
Harris, rf... 4 0 2 0 0 0
Hadley, c... 3 0 0 11 4 0
Brown, p... 3 0 1 0 4 0
Galloway, cf... 3 0 0 1 0 0
Izlar, lf... 2 0 0 0 0 0
Totals... 28 1 7 27 13 4

Summary: Sacrifice hits, Mansell, Izlar. Stolen bases, Bridges, 2, Waller, Harris, 2. Bases on balls, off Dillon, 2; off Brown, 1. Struck out, by Dillon, 2; by Brown, 10. Left on bases, Palatka, 6; Ocala, 7. Double plays, Hadley, Donaldson, Waller; Dillon, Collins. Hit by pitcher, Thomas, Donaldson. Time of game, 1:20. Umpire, Mr. Leavengood.

The score—second game:
Palatka AB R H PO A E
Bridges, 2b... 4 0 1 3 1 2
Selph, 3b... 4 0 0 2 3 0
Calhoun, ss... 4 1 0 2 1 1
Collins, 1b... 4 0 1 7 1 0
Dillon, cf... 4 1 2 1 0 0
Smith, lf... 4 0 2 4 0 0
Thomas, rf... 4 0 1 1 0 0
Mansell, p... 4 0 0 1 4 0
White, c... 3 0 0 6 0 0
Totals... 35 2 7 27 10 3

Ocala AB R H PO A E
Dodge, D, 3b... 4 0 1 0 3 1
Dodge, W, ss... 4 0 0 2 3 0
Donaldson, p... 3 0 0 2 3 0
Waller, 2b... 4 1 1 3 1 0
Harris, rf... 3 0 1 2 0 0
Hadley, c... 3 0 0 7 1 0
Bennett, 1b... 4 0 1 10 1 1
Galloway, cf... 3 0 0 1 0 1

Izlar, lf... 3 0 0 0 0 0
Brown... 1 0 0 0 0 0

Totals... 32 1 4 27 13 3
*Brown batted for Galloway in ninth inning.

Summary: Two-base hits, Smith, 2; Waller. Sacrifice hit, Harris. Stolen bases, Calhoun, Dillon, 2, Thomas, Dodge, D. Base on balls, off Mansell, 1; of Donaldson, 0. Struck out, by Mansell, 4; by Donaldson, 5. Left on bases, Palatka, 6; Ocala, 6. Double play, Donaldson to Bennett. Hit by pitcher, Donaldson. Time of game, 1:30. Umpire, Mr. Leavengood.

THE FLY AT THE BAR

(Printed by Request.)

The house-fly has been condemned by a court from which there is no appeal. Health and bacteriological experts all over this country have pronounced the verdict guilty. Whereas the fly was once considered a scavenger sent in hot weather to eat up the germs that abound, it is now considered a filthy insect. Bred in manure, it drinks from cess-pools and dines in privy-vaults. It eats the sputum on the sidewalk and revels in the garbage-pail. It hovers over the baby's diaper and is greedy for the dressings from a discharging wound. It is a germ-carrier. It brings typhoid fever, diarrhoea, dysentery and tuberculosis to the very gateway of the human body. After its repast of filth it crawls over your freshly-frosted cake, swims in your lemonade, cleans its feet on the bread bought in a sealed paper bag. Direct from the neighboring privy, it crawls over the sweet lips of your sleeping baby or settles on the sterilized nipple of its nursing-bottle. The fly that you fish out of your baby's milk, milk for which you have paid fifteen cents a quart, may have been feeding on the excrement of a patient recovering from diarrhoea or typhoid fever. The flies on the fruit you buy at that street corner for your children may have last fed on the sputum of a consumptive. As many as six million, six hundred thousand bacteria have been found on a single fly. Yet the house-fly is tolerated everywhere.

Milk and hot weather are blamed for the great number of infant deaths from diarrhoea or "summer complaint." A careful study of the seasonal prevalence of flies by means of daily count from fly cages made in different parts of New York City by the Merchants' Association shows that flies were active in large numbers only in the comparatively few hot weeks in summer, while the health certificates showed that these were the very weeks when an abnormal number of cases of typhoid fever and diarrhoea were contracted. These diseases rose with the rise in the prevalence of flies and fell with the decrease in the numbers of flies trapped. When we consider one fly, laying one hundred and twenty eggs at a time, will have a progeny of sextillions at the end of the season, and that milk is the best germ-culture known, it is easy to see the fly's part in spreading intestinal diseases.

Screen all doors and windows as soon as the fly-season sets in, especially the kitchen, dining-room and nursery. Wire netting is more serviceable, but cotton netting, at three cents a square yard keeps the flies out. Keep flies away from your baby. Keep flies off your food and milk. Do not buy fruit exposed for sale unscreened. Don't forget that the breeding-place of flies is in near-by filth. It may be behind the door, under the table, or in the cuspidor. If there is a nuisance in the neighborhood, report it at once to the health department and demand its abatement.

Every health department should distribute pamphlets warning the people of the danger where flies lurk. Health inspectors should visit all saloons and filthy places, and give instructions as to how to keep flies from filth and how to destroy their eggs. Nurses and social health visitors should teach the dangers of infection through flies, and the use of screens.

Do not think that because you do not live in large cities this does not affect you. Because the house-fly is so common, it is so dangerous. You can make it as rare as the yellow-fever mosquito today.—The Delineator.

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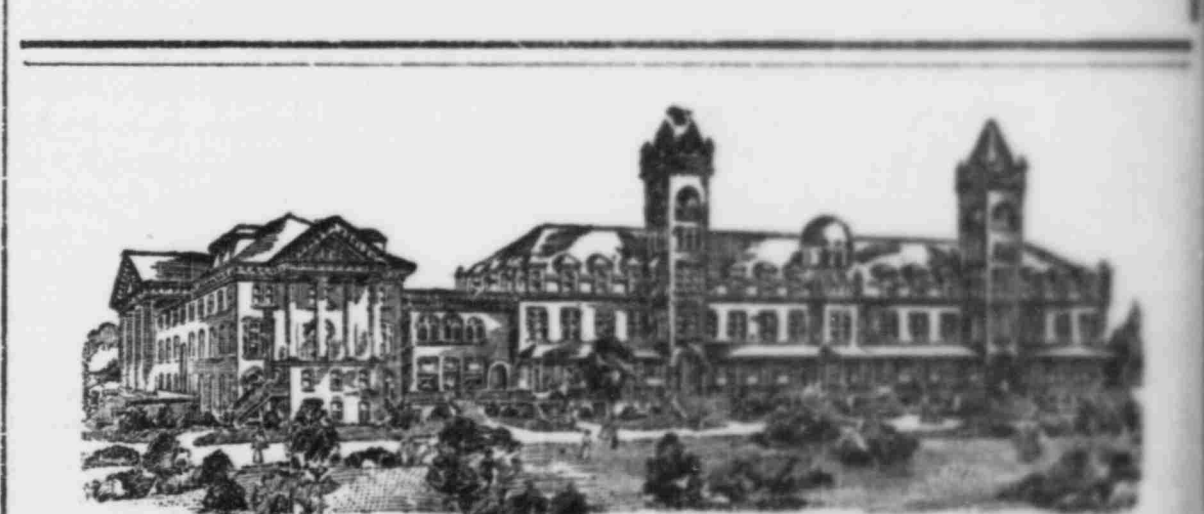
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